

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

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The present invention is characterized in that: a A plurality of NC machine tools (28) each including NC program generating means units and NC program improving and updating means units that are connected to a central manager (1) via a network; actual machining performance information is supplied to the central manager (1) from the respective NC machine tools (28); the central manager (1) generates databases (3 to 12) from the collected actual machining performance information and stores the database (3 to 12) therein; and the NC machine tools (28) are each permitted to retrieve information necessary for machining from the database (3 to 12).